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CLAIMS

1. (original) A method comprising:

cancelling detection of a rotation downward of a thumbwheel if detection of a depressible input movement of said thumbwheel occurs within a predetermined time threshold of detection of said rotation downward.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined time threshold is approximately 100 milliseconds.
- 3. (original) An article having stored thereon instructions, which when executed by a computing platform, result in:

cancelling detection of a rotation downward of a thumbwheel if detection of a depressible input movement of said thumbwheel occurs within a predetermined time threshold of detection of said rotation downward.

4. (currently amended) A mobile electronic device comprising:

a thumbwheel subassembly including a thumbwheel and a switch;

a housing having an opening through which said thumbwheel protrudes; and a microprocessor inside said housing to compensate for inadvertent rolling of said thumbwheel down by a user while said user pushes said thumbwheel inwards by cancelling detection of a rotation downward of a thumbwheel if detection of a depressible input movement of said thumbwheel occurs within a predetermined time threshold of detection of said rotation downward.

5. (cancelled).

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- 6. (currently amended) The mobile electronic device of <u>claim 4</u> elaim 5, wherein said predetermined time threshold is approximately 100 milliseconds.
- 7. (currently amended) A The mobile electronic device of claim 4, further comprising: a flat display screen; a thumbwheel subassembly including a thumbwheel and a switch; and a housing having an opening through which said thumbwheel protrudes, wherein said thumbwheel subassembly is oriented so that a direction of depressible input movement of said thumbwheel, when projected onto a plane substantially parallel to a plane of said flat display screen, is substantially aligned with a direction of a push by a user's thumb or finger that includes a measurable component of downward force at an angle in a range of approximately 2 degrees to approximately 10 degrees with respect to a direction from a first point on a side of said housing having said opening to a second point directly across from said first point on an opposite side of said housing.
- 8. (cancelled).
- 9. (currently amended) The mobile electronic device of <u>claim 7</u> claim 8, wherein said angle is in a range of approximately 3 degrees to approximately 8 degrees.
- 10. (currently amended) The mobile electronic device of <u>claim 7</u> claim 8, wherein said angle is in a range of approximately 4 degrees to approximately 6 degrees.
- 11. (currently amended) The mobile electronic device of <u>claim 7</u> claim 8, wherein said angle is approximately 5 degrees.